



**THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
8TH TERM**

749th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

delivered on the 26th meeting held on 24th April 2012

**on the Recommendation for a Council recommendation on the Czech Republic's 2012 national reform programme and delivering a Council opinion on the Czech Republic's convergence programme for 2012 - 2015
(Senate Press no. J 172/08)**

The Senate

I.

1. Takes note

of the Recommendation for a Council recommendation on the Czech Republic's 2012 national reform programme and delivering a Council opinion on the Czech Republic's convergence programme for 2012 - 2015;

2. Considers

the adopted European semester as a tool for monitoring and coordination of economic policies of the Member States of the European Union which may enhance achievement of the goals determined by the EU2020 Strategy;

3. Is of the opinion

that the debt crisis in the European Union is not only negatively reflected in the economic situation of particular Member States, but that it also endangers the stability of the Eurozone and the European Union as a whole;

II.

1. States

that despite the intense efforts of all the institutions of the European Union including the Commission and the Council, there has not yet been any success in finding a permanent solution to the problems and a rapid way out of the crisis, although a gradual fiscal consolidation has been continuing in some Member States;

2. Out of the suggested recommendations for the Czech Republic, it especially emphasises:

- Full implementation of the 2012 budget and securing timely correction of the excessive deficit, while it highlights the problem of sustainability of the budget

consolidation based mainly on across-the-board cuts, and it warns against lower extent of growth promoting measures in both fiscal area and taxation; the improvement could occur as a result of eliminating administrative obstacles;

- setting fair balance between the tax obligations of the employees and the self-employed that would be derived from real indicators of hours worked and drawing health and social insurance benefits by these groups;
- decrease of tax evasion and facilitation of tax collection through the reduction of tax exemptions;
- increase in efficiency of public administration, optimal functioning of the management and control systems while drawing resources from the European Union funds and stabilisation of civil servants though enactment of the Public Servants Act and "best practice";

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and about the proceeding of further negotiations;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier